

Claims

What is claimed is:

5 1. A clip, comprising:

two plates;

a spacer that connects the plates and that holds the plates apart by a gap; and

at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to at least one of the plates

opposite the other of the plates.

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2. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates are substantially parallel.

3. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the plates and the spacer are formed from a single piece of material.

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4. A clip as in claim 3, wherein the single piece of material is a steel plate.

5. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are square or rectangular shaped.

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6. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are differently sized from each other.

7. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates are same sized as each other.
8. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the two plates each have a surface area of several inches.

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9. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer connects the two plates at an edge of each plate.

10. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is flat.

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11. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is curved in a semi-circle, with the inside of the semi-circle toward the gap.

12. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer holds the two plates so that the gap is
15 one or more inches.

13. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer includes one or more holes that can be used to secure the clip using nails or bolts.

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14. A clip as in claim 1, wherein the spacer is adjustable so as to adjust the gap.

15. A clip as in claim 1, further comprising a rubberized coating on the other of the plates without the hook-and-loop type fastener.

16. A clip as in claim 15, wherein the rubberized coating is opposite the part of 5 the hook-and-loop type faster on the clip.

17. A method of using one or more clips, each clip including at least a gap and one part of a hook-and-loop fastener, the method comprising the steps of:

slipping the clips into place on a floor, deck, cover, roof, board, truss, pipe, sign, 10 or bridgework; and
attaching a cover, sheet, drape, curtain, board, screen, or tarp to the clips via the hook-and-loop type fastener.

18. A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of adjusting the size of 15 the gap for each of the clips.

19. A method as in claim 17, further comprising the step of securing the clips in place using nails or bolts.

20. A clip, comprising:
a plate;
one or more structures for fastening the plate to an object; and

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at least one part of a hook-and-loop fastener attached to the plate.